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SUBJECT: FINNISH QUERY ON WITH WHOM US WILL BE CONSULTING RE UN
PEACEKEEPING

REF: (A) STATE 179536, (B) HELSINKI 2329,

1. PEKKA KORVENHEIMO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE MFA POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT, TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON AUGUST 2 THAT
FINLAND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CLARIFICATION BEFORE
RESPONDING FURTHER TO THE USG'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NORDIC COUNTRIES ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF UN PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES (REFTELS). HE SAID THE FINNISH
QUERY IS, WITH WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES, APART FROM THE NORDIC
COUNTRIES, IS THE UNITED STATES CONSULTING CONCERNING THIS
SUBJECT; IF THE USG IS CONSULTING ONLY WITH THE NORDIC
COUNTRIES, WHY? HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES
IN THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN UN PEACEKEEPING.

2. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR REPEATED THE POINTS

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OUTLINED IN REFTTEL A, PARA 3, EMPHASIZING OUR
RESPECT FOR THE NORDIC GOVERNMENTS' SPECIAL CAPABILITY
AND EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. HE SAID HE WOULD PASS
THE FINNISH QUESTION ALONG TO WASHINGTON.

3. THE MFA'S QUERY INDICATES TO US A FINNISH
RELUCTANCE TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSIONS ON THIS

SUBJECT INVOLVING ONLY THE NORDIC GROUP ON THE ONE
HAND AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE OTHER. WE WOULD
GUESS THE FINNS ARE HINTING THAT THIS IS THE KIND
OF SUBJECT THEY WOULD PREFER TO SEE DISCUSSED WITHIN
A BROADER REFERENCE GROUP. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING
TO HEAR FROM FINLAND'S COLLEAGUES IN THE OTHER NORDIC
FOREIGN MINISTRIES WHAT ATTITUDES THE FINNS
HAVE TAKEN WITH THEM CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF NORDIC/
US CONSULTATIONS ON UN PEACEKEEPING.
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